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Ellen Lucille
(Gee) Koch



To Lucille
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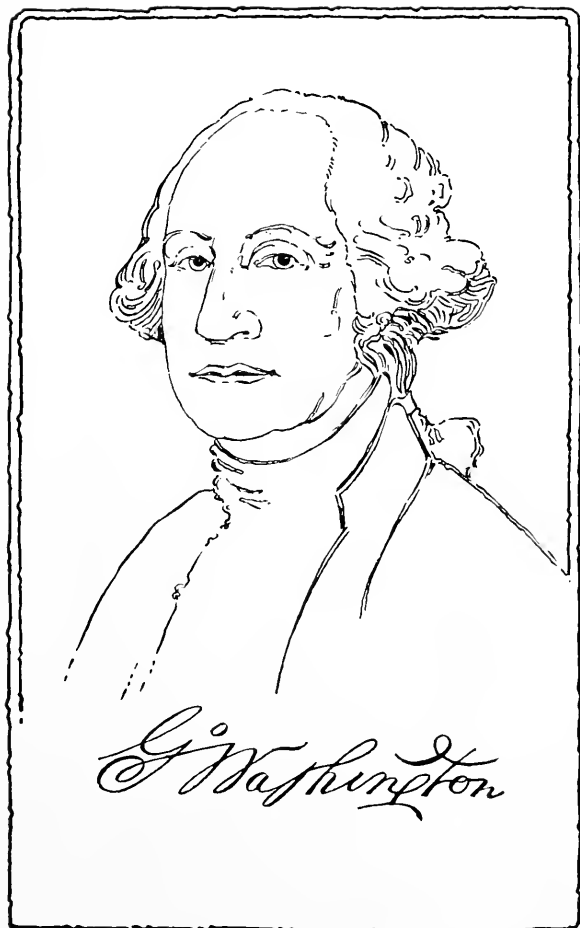


Foreword

Through four long years, the members of this graduating class of 1932 have struggled along the paths that lead to knowledge with varied degrees of success. They have labored that they might leave "trailing clouds of glory." May these pages be a true record of their triumphs and accomplishments in the life they are about to leave.

GEORGE WASHINGTON was not an educator; all the world knows that he was a soldier and a statesman and the Father of his country.—“first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.” Yet it is not an overstatement to say that he was the best educated man in the United States of his day. He was the best educated man because he was educated in so many different ways. He had a real knowledge of agriculture, which was one of the leading vocations of his day. His knowledge of the science of government was not surpassed in the colonies. He was an outstanding mathematician as has been proven from the accuracy of his surveys.

An educated man but not an educator, yet he wished others to have an education. This attitude was expressed in his views on education. He always advocated the establishment of schools in this country where American boys might receive an American education. Much of our present desire for education and opportunities offered may be traced to George Washington.





Dedication

To

ANNA SCHOER

*who accompanied us in our first ventures,
helped us over countless obstacles,
and lent the light of her presence to all our gatherings,
in order to signify by some token our gratitude,
we,*

*the Senior Class
of nineteen hundred and thirty-two,
have dedicated this seventeenth volume of
the Hixonian.*





ANNA SCHOFER



TEACHERS' BEST WISHES

Seniors of '32:

I am sure that your years in high school have been pleasant. May the benefits derived and the experiences passed through be a real help to you along the pathways of life.

H. S. ARMSTRONG.

The class of 1932, to paraphrase the remark of Queen Mary of old concerning Calais, is written on my heart. I wish you every happiness in life.

GEORGE PATTERSON.

Through your splendid cooperation in all musical activities you have been an inspiration to me.

MARIE R. KELLER.

Success comes to those who are always fifteen minutes ahead of time. May the Alarm Clocks of the '32 graduates be turned up and success greet them at every turn.

ROBERT WELTY.

It is my earnest wish that the Senior Class of 1932 will adopt the old yet ever new motto: "*ubicumque homo est, ibi benefice locus est.*"

BERENIECE B. KERR.

Musicians, orators, athletes, statesmen, who knows what you may be, but my best wishes to you. May the world be made a better place to live by your presence.

ESTHER HOWENSTINE.

"The glory of a firm, capacious mind" is the gift bestowed upon each and every member of the Class of 1932. May you cherish this gift throughout life. Success to you, and farewell.

JEANETTE E. RHODES, *Librarian*.

"He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best." May each succeeding year find each of the class of 1932 achieving success and enjoying increased happiness. May you truly live.

ANNA SCHOFER.

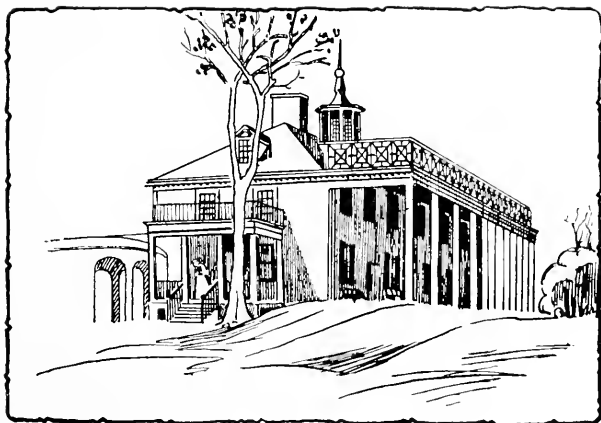
To achieve success is a fine and splendid thing—but after all, Seniors, "it matters not whether you have won or lost, but how you played the game."

MARY EDYTHE JOHNS.

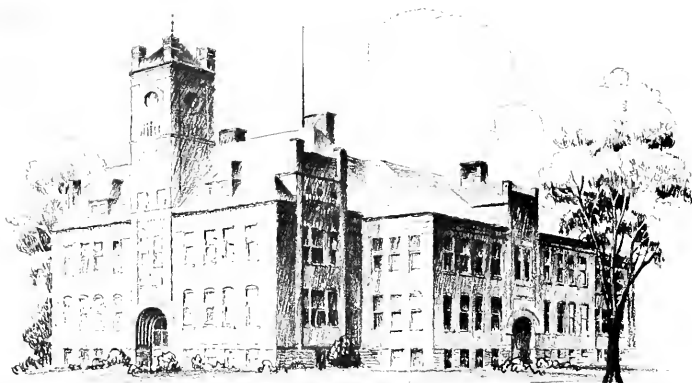
Here is a group well prepared to fill its place in society and help to place it upon a higher plane in the future.

LEIGHTON CONKEY.





Administration



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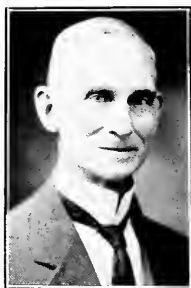
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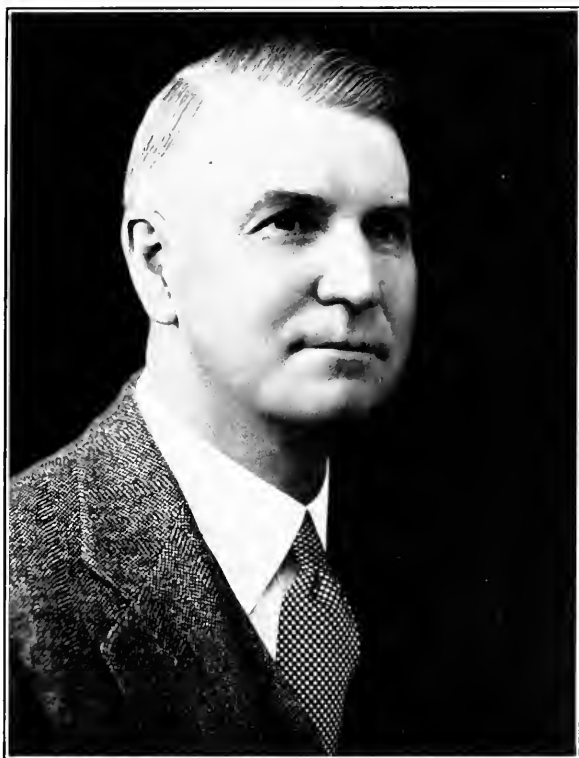


FRED FERRIS



*"A life spent worthily should be measured
by a nobler line—by deeds, not years."*





H. S. ARMSTRONG

Superintendent of Schools

Deshler High School, '91; A. B., Defiance College, '11; M. A., Ohio State University, '27;
Superintendent Hicksville, 1915-1932.



*"Hope, like the gleaming taper's light,
Adorns and cheers our way:
And still, as darker grows the night
Emits a brighter ray."*





GEORGE A. PATTERSON

Principal

Hicksville High School, '14; Ohio Wesleyan University, 1915-'16; George Washington University, 1916-'17; Georgetown School of Foreign Relations, 1919; A. B., Harvard, 1922; Teacher, Hicksville High School, five years.



LEIGHTON CONKEY

Science

Farmer High School, '21; A. B., Defiance, '25;
Teacher, Hicksville High School, seven years.



ROBERT WELTY

Mathematics and Science

Hicksville High School, '27; A. B., Defiance,
'31; Teacher, Hicksville High School, one year.



ANNA SCHOFER

History and English

Baltic High School, '25; A. B., Wittenberg
College, '28; Teacher, Hicksville High School,
four years.



JEANNETTE RHOADES

Librarian

Hicksville High School, '28.



MARY EDYTHE JOHNS
Commerce

Garrett High School, '27; Indiana University, 1927-'28; B. S., Indiana State Teachers College, '31; P. G., Indiana University, '32; Teacher, Hicksville High School, one year.



MARIE KELLER
Music

Milford Center High School, '10; Ohio University, Public School Music, '18; Three-year Voice Diploma, '19; Supervisor of Music, Milford Center, Ohio, four years; Mt. Vernon, Ohio, two years; Hicksville High School, four years.



BERENIECE B. KERR
Latin and Algebra

Bowerston High School, '06; Ph.B., Ohio University, '11; M. A., Columbia University, '27; Teacher, Mark Center High School, one year; Hicksville High School, ten years.



ESTHER HOWENSTINE
Smith-Hughes Home Economics

Smith-Hughes Home Economics, Hicksville High School, '19; B. S., Ohio State University, '23; Graduate Student University of Chicago, summers 1925-'28; Teacher, Harrod High School, one year; Hicksville High School, seven years.



COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

Masonic Hall
Wednesday Evening, May 11

BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Sunday Evening, May 15
The Rev. Frank E. Higbie, Pastor Methodist Church
Methodist Church

BI-CENTENNIAL PAGEANT

Huber Opera House
Tuesday Evening, May 17

ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC

Deshler Cottage, Hamilton Lake
Wednesday, May 18

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Huber Opera House
Thursday Evening, May 19
Class Address, The Rev. R. Lincoln Long, D. D., Toledo, Ohio

ALUMNI BANQUET

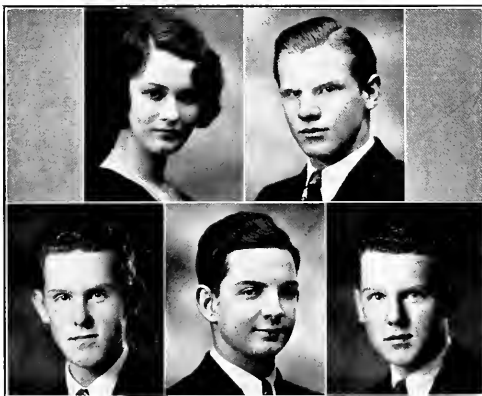
Friday Evening, May 20
Methodist Church



Classes



WHO ARE THEY?



DOROTHA SINN

Valedictorian

Valedictorian; Class President, 1; Class Secretary, 3; Editor Spoodrift, 3; Glee Club, 3, 4; Literary Program, 3; "The Ghost Story," 3; Editor-in-Chief Hixonian, 4; "Roof Garden Revue," 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Literary Letter, 3; Minstrels, 3; Junior Jubilee, 3.

"Was this the face that launch'd a thousand ships and burnt the topless towers of Ilium?"

PAUL SCHOFFER

Salutatorian, President

Salutatorian; Vice-President, 1; Secretary, 2; President, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Baseball, 2, 3, 4; Debate, 2, 3; Orchestra, 1; Literary Letter, 3; Triangular Contest, 3; "Sauce for the Goshing," 3; Literary Program, 3; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; "Roof Garden Revue," 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Assistant Editor Spoodrift, 3; Business Manager Hixonian, 4; Lucky Jade, 2; Junior Jubilee, 3.

"Be bold, be bold, and everywhere be bold."

PAUL CARR

Treasurer

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Quartet, 3, 4; Lucky Jade, 2; Junior High Editor, Spoodrift, 3; Roof Garden Revue, 3; Literary Program, 3; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Basketball, 3, 4; Fall Carnival, 3; Junior Jubilee, 3; Treasurer, 4; Football, 2, 4; Baseball, 3, 4; Triangular Contest, 3; Athletic Manager Hixonian, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Track, 3, 4.

"I will neither yield to the song of the siren, nor the voice of the hyena, the tears of the crocodile, nor the howling of the wolf."

RAYMOND LILLY

Vice-President

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate, 3; Track, 3; Spoodrift Staff, 3; Hixonian Staff, 4; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; The Lucky Jade, 2; Junior Jubilee, 3; Triangular Contest, 3; Vice-President, 4.

*"I was promised on a time,
To have reason for my rhyme;
From that time unto this season
I have received no rhyme nor
reason."*

JOSEPH CARR

Secretary

Glee Club, 1, 2; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; The Lucky Jade, 2; Baseball, 2, 3, 4; Football, 4; Basketball, 3, 4; Track, 3, 4; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Triangular, 3; Cheer Leader, 3, 4; Literary Program, 3; Junior Jubilee, 3; Spoodrift Staff, 3; H. H. S. Quartet, 3, 4.

*"Lightly from fair to fair he flew
and loved to plead, lament and
sue."*



ROBERTA NEFF

Glee Club. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball. 4; Vice-President. 2; Literary Editor. "Spoondrift." 3; Associate Editor "Hixonian." 4; Roof Garden Revue. 3, 4; Minstrel Show. 3; Loving Cup. 3; Lucky Jade. 2; Spring Concert. 3, 4; Junior Jubilee. 3; Literary Programs. 3.

"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety."



WILLIAM LAUB

Glee Club. 1; Orchestra. 2, 3; Football. 4.

"Creation's heir, the world, the world is mine."



MARY HELENA JORDAN

Glee Club. 1, 2, 3, 4; Lucky Jade. 2; Lady Francis. 2; Alumni Editor "Spoondrift." 3; Literary Program. 3; Roof Garden Revue. 3, 4; Spring Concert. 3, 4; Society Editor. "Hixonian." 4.

"I have no other but a woman's reason: think him so, because I think him so."



WAYVA SEEVERS

Junior Jubilee. 3.

*"We grant, although she had much wit,
She was very shy of using it."*



WALTER DEATSMAN

Baseball. 1, 2, 3, 4; Track. 3, 4; Football. 3, 4; Basketball. 4; Glee Club. 1, 4; Roof Garden Revue. 4; Spring Concert. 4.

"The world's a bubble and the life of man less than a span."



GUY BEERBOWER

Class Treasurer. 2; Business Manager. "Spoondrift." 3; Glee Club. 4; Roof Garden Revue. 4; Baseball. 3, 4.

"My salad days—when I was green in judgment."



MARCELINE KOCH

Harlan High School. 1; Glee Club. 1; Typing Awards. 3, 4; Assistant Society Editor. "Spoondrift." 3; Junior Jubilee. 3; "Hixonian" Staff. 4.

*"Let the world slide, let the world go,
A fig for care, and a fig for woe."*

PHYLLIS ELDER

Debate, 2, 3; Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1; Ghost Story, 3; Lady Francis, 2; The Lucky Jade, 2; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Vice-President, 3; Assistant Junior High Editor, "Spoon-drift," 3; Junior Jubilee, 3; Fall Festival, 3; "Hixonian" Staff, 4.

"And her face so fair, stirred with her dream, as rose leaves with the air."



VADA RIDENOUR

Triangular Contest, 1, 3; Lucky Jade, 2; Lady Frances, 2; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Minstrel, 3; Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 4; Assistant Literary Editor, "Spoon-drift," 3; Literary Program, 3; Ghost Story, 3; Junior Jubilee, 3; "Hixonian" Staff, 1.

"Her wit is more than man, her innocence a child."



ROBERT LONGWORTH

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Literary Program, 3; Ghost Story, 3; H. H. S. Quartet, 3, 4; Junior Jubilee, 3; Triangular Contest, 3; Minstrel Show, 3.

*"Who to himself is law, no law duth need,
Offends no law, and is a king indeed."*

HERBERT RINGENBERG

Football, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Athletic Editor, "Spoon-drift," 3; Track, 4; "Hixonian" Staff, 4.

*"Give me a spirit that on this life's rough sea, loves to have
his sails fill'd with a lusty wind."*



MARCELLA DURFEY

Four H Club Work, 1; Typing Awards, 3, 4; Commercial Contest, 3, 4; Shorthand Certificate, 4; Typing Certificate, 1; "Hixonian" Staff, 4; Junior Jubilee, 3.

"Is she not passing fair?"

LOIS McDONALD

Typing Awards, 3, 4; Commercial Contest, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; "Hixonian" Staff, 4; Four H Club, 1, 2; Shorthand Certificate; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Junior Jubilee, 3; Lady Frances, 3; Lucky Jade, 3; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4.

*"When did morning ever break and find such beaming
eyes awake?"*



LEONE CLELAND

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Showboat; Lucky Jade, 2; Lady Frances, 2; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Hixonian Staff, 4; Junior Jubilee, 3; Minstrels, 3.

"As merry as the day is long."



DOROTHEA GANGER

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; "Hixonian Staff," 4; Lucky Jade, 2; Lady Frances, 2; Society Editor, "Spoondrift," 3; Literary Program, 3; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Basketball, 4; Fall Festival, 3; Junior Jubilee, 3.

*"How at heaven's gates she claps her wings,
The morn' not waking till she sings."*



MADONNA KENNER

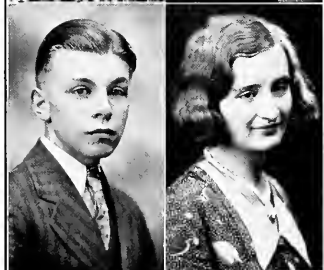
Basketball, 2, 3; "Hixonian" Staff, 4.

"Let no man value at a little price, a virtuous woman's counsel."

ELVIN THIEL

Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Track, 2, 3, 4; Sauce for the Gossings, 3; Literary Play, 6; "Spoondrift," 3; Glee Club, 2, 3; Lucky Jade, 2; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; "Hixonian" Staff, 4.

"Up rose the sun and up rose Elvin."



ROGER RODOCKER

Glee Club, 4; Roof Garden Revue, 4; Spring Concert, 4; "Spoondrift," 3; Junior Jubilee, 3; "Hixonian" Staff, 4.

*"I thus, neglecting worldly ends, all dedicated to closeness
and the bettering of my mind."*

LENORE ROBERTSON

Typing Awards, 3, 4; Four H Club, 3; Typing Certificate, 4; Commercial Contest, 4; Shortband Certificate, 4; Junior Jubilee, 3.

"As chaste as the unsunned snows."



DORIS METZ

Typing Awards, 3, 4; Four H Clothing Club, 1, 2, 3; Typing Contest, 4; "Hixonian" Staff, 4; Junior Jubilee, 3.

"She's all my fancy painted her."

RICHARD LAUB

Baseball, 1, 2; Basketball, 2, 4; Football, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate, 2, 3; Triangular Contest, 3; Lucky Jade, 2; My Lord in Livery, 2; Three One Act Plays; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Circulation Manager, "Spoondrift," 3; Circulation Manager "Hixonian," 4; Assistant Cheer Leader, 4; Junior Jubilee, 3.

*"Fain would I, but I dare not;
I dare, and yet I may not;
I may, although I care not
For pleasure when I play not."*

ADAH HORN

Orchestra, 1, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Lucky Jade, 3; Minstrels, 3; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Junior Jubilee, 3; "Hixonian" Staff, 4.

"I am sure care's an enemy to life."



ROBERT NELSON

Glee Club, 3, 4; "Hixonian" Staff, 4; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Triangular Glee Club, 3; Football, 3; Junior Jubilee, 3.

"Out of too much learning, become mad."



MARJORIE WELLS

Glee Club, 3, 4; Minstrels, 3; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Clothing Club, 2, 3.

"Oj manners gentle, of affection mild."

ARLENE KILLIAN

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4.

"My latest found, Heaven's last, best gift, my ever new."



HAROLD CAMP

High School, Antwerp, 1, 2, 3; Football, 4.

"Discourse—the sweeter banquet of the mind."

CLARK HOOTMAN

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Lucky Jade, 2; Fall Festival, 3; Roof Garden Revue; Spring Concert.

"A kind of excellent dumb discourse."



EVALYN KISABETH

Glee Club, 3, 4; Roof Garden Revue, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 3, 4; Minstrels, 3; Typing Awards, 3, 4; Assistant Exchange Editor, "Spoondrift," 3; Literary Program 4; Junior Jubilee, 3; "Hixonian" Staff, 4; Commercial Contest, 4; Shorthand Certificate, 4.

"O happy earth! Whereon thy innocent feet do ever tread."



CLASS PROPHECY

- 1932 (April 29) I remember that day very clearly. We were at a banquet Lord William Laub was giving. All our old class was invited. President Schofer, of Hiram College, was there, a handsome figure in blue satin. One unfortunate accident occurred. While holding a cup of tea with fingers which were more accustomed to basketballs and footballs than teacups, it fell, spilling the tea over his beautiful azure breeches. Poor Paul retired.
- 1915 (June 1) I heard the sound of the boat coming up the river Potomac this afternoon. "Ship ahoy!" called the skipper. I recognized the deep base voice of Joe Carr. He now employs that voice teaching the straight and narrow path to erring lambs of Pohick Church, which Washington used to attend.
- 1943 (August 29) In my wanderings today, I chanced upon Herb. Ringenberg surveying. Just another boy who loved the soil so much he took surveying as his work in order to be near it.
- 1951 (November 3) Of course you know I spend the winter in the West Indies. While there I saw Dick Laub in Bermuda managing an onion plantation for recreation. He has just retired from his position as president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company.
- 1952 (February 14) Dined at the Rex's today. General Washington was there. Phyllis, a former successful New York lawyer, always was a celebrity seeker. Oh well, George (tee hee) has promised to dine with me.
- 1956 (September 14) Walter Deatsman is in town. He would have to meet Dorothea Sinn, the town's most charming widow. She's working on another novel; you know she was the first woman to receive the Nobel prize in literature.
- 1959 (June 12) Today is Dorothea and Walter's wedding day. Vada Ridenour was her maid of honor and Bob Longworth best man. I suppose they will be marrying soon. They seem quite attached to each other.
- 1965 (July 4) Quite a celebration was held at Mary Helna Jordan's in honor of a new artist, Roberta Neff (Mrs. Joseph Carr). I hear Roberta will soon go to Mt. Vernon to paint the portrait of General Washington.
- 1967 (October 30) I saw in the papers that Guy Beerbower and his wife Marceline (Koch) had gone to New York in the hope of restoring their son's health. It seems he has headaches. Guy is often called the king of radio announcers.
- 1974 (September 25) I went to a fox hunt at Mt. Vernon. Raymond Lilly was there with some of his new hounds. He is now a noted tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company.
- 1975 (August 18) I stayed over the week-end in Philadelphia. While there I heard Harold Camp in Carpenter's Hall. I visited Hampton Court Institute, an old ladies' home managed by my old friends, Wayva Seever, Majorie Wells, and Lenore Robertson.





- 1989 (May 10) The pest of my class days, Paul Carr, has gone to India to help Gandhi fight the Indians. Adah Horn went to China to help embalm dead Chinese.
- 1990 (December 10) Evelyn Kisabeth, our representative to Congress from the fifth district, married Elvin Thiel, Speaker of the House, yesterday. Evelyn says she is going to give up her public work and live a quiet, private life. Her friend, Marcella Durfey, was the maid-of-honor. You've probably heard of her work as a court reporter for the Supreme Court.
- 1991 (November 11) I heard today that Lois McDonald has won the tennis championship. She's a second Helen Wills Moody. Madonna Kenner was there supervising the moving pictures which were being taken.
- 1993 (February 3) The countryside has been agog over the inventions of Arlene Killian. At last, women will not be forced to stay at home for the sewing machine is a great time saver.
- 1994 (March 15) Who would ever think that our own Robert Nelson should have won the Battle of Fallen Timbers? He is a second Napoleon.
- 1997 (July 13) I read that the former Leone Cleland and her husband, Roger Rodocker, have decided to go to the wilds of Africa. I guess love always wins in the end.
- 1998 (Nov. 10) I was reading yesterday that Bob Longworth is budding into a second Babe Ruth. He's with the Cardinals. Clark Hootman's write-up of the last game was highly praised.
- 1999 (Dec. 25) Received a letter from Mary H. Jordan and Vada Ridenour. They are French instructors in Sorbonne University in Paris.
- 1999 (Dec. 31) My pen is about dry: there is no more ink: my life is about to end. I entertained Dorothea Ganger today. Poor thing is about gone too. She talked of her stage successes and left in about an hour.
Good-bye and may God save this diary from the hand of my mortgagers.





CLASS WILL

In the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, we the undersigned paragons of the Hicksville High School, do hereby bequeath our worldly estate, high position and unsurpassed knowledge to the less gifted Juniors, as follows:

- I, Robert Longworth, do give and bequeath unto my friend, George Houk, my high hat.
 - I, Phyllis Elder, do give and bequeath unto Edna McClellan all my nervous energy.
 - I, Dorothea Ganger, do give and bequeath unto Virginia Cromley, my Venus-like figure.
 - I, Harold Camp, do give and bequeath unto Charles Hoff my vast knowledge in physics.
 - I, Richard Laub, do give and bequeath unto Harold Crouse my submarine (under C) grades.
 - I, Madonna Kenner, do give and bequeath unto Mary Carr my shrinking and modest nature.
 - I, Arlene Killian, do give and bequeath unto Dora Rohrs my infectious giggle.
 - I, Elvin Thiel, do give and bequeath unto Walter Belnap my beautiful raven locks and my flashing smile.
 - I, Herbert Ringenberg, do give and bequeath unto Everett Brown my ability to guard.
 - I, Dorothea Sinn, do give and bequeath unto Alta Laub my petite charm.
 - I, Lenore Robertson, do give and bequeath unto Mildred Nell my love of books.
 - I, Marcelene Koch, do give and bequeath unto Madalyn Metz my snappy eyes and happy disposition.
 - I, Lois McDonald, do give and bequeath unto Opal Shull my ability in Shorthand.
 - I, Guy Beerbower, do give and bequeath unto Elmer Brantly my pleasant smile for the girls.
 - I, Clark Hootman, do give and bequeath unto George Rohrs my gliding, noiseless tread.
 - I, Paul Carr, do give and bequeath unto William Rodocker my flare for telling fairy stories and ghost stories.
 - I, William Laub, do give and bequeath to girls of the Vergel class my seat in the library.
 - I, Robert Nelson, do give and bequeath unto Robert Weaner my good grades.
 - I, Marcella Dorfey, do give and bequeath unto Wilma Whitehurst my blond fairness.
 - I, Wayva SeEVERS, do give and bequeath unto Helen Whitman my way with the men.
 - I, Evelyn Kisabeth, do will and bequeath unto Mabel Ringenberg my vamping eyes, to be used with discretion.
 - I, Leone Cleland, do will and bequeath unto Franklin Kemerer my unbroken attendance records. Don't break it.
 - I, Paul Schofer, do will and bequeath unto Oren Ridenour my collection of rainbow-hued shirts.
 - I, Roberta Neff, do will and bequeath unto Olliemay Walter my disdainful nose. Handle with care.
 - I, Vada Ridenour, do will and bequeath unto Hazel Dorsey my baby stare.
 - I, Joseph Carr, do will and bequeath my harem to Norman Reganall.
 - I, Walter Deatsman, do will and bequeath unto Frederick Batershell my tenor voice. Don't change it.
 - I, Raymond Lilly, do will and bequeath unto Richard Thornburg my poetic soul.
 - I, Marjorie Wells, do give and bequeath unto Lillian Hook my pleasing ambition.
 - I, Doris Metz, do give and bequeath unto Lela Byroade my pleasing personality.
 - I, Mary Helena Jordan, do give and bequeath unto LaVerne Poper my love of St. Patrick.
- In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1932.



JUNIOR CLASS



VIRGINIA CROMLEY
Secretary

GEORGE ROHRS
Vice-President

ROBERT WEANER
Treasurer

ALTA LAUB
President

CLASS MOTTO

"With the ropes of today we shall ring the bells of tomorrow."

CLASS COLORS

Crimson and Gold

CLASS FLOWER

American Beauty Rose

The up and coming class of '33 entered this hall of study in the fall of 1929. Fifty-four frightened boys and girls bravely walked up the stairs on that memorable day. However, they soon learned high school rules and regulations and lost their fears. The principal social activities were two dinner parties held at the schoolhouse.

The next year they were back, but with a loss of seven. Several went in for debate and one was successful in making the team.

Juniors! At last they were hitting their stride and accomplished much. This year was a struggle to raise money for their expenses but it was done. Quite a few remained on the honor roll throughout the three years.



JUNIOR CLASS

OPAL SHULL
MILDRED NELL

WALTER BELKNAP
LELA BYROADE
WILLIAM CAMP

ELMER BRANTLEY
JOSEPH TOMECEK
HAZEL DORSEY

WILLIAM RANDALL
GLADYS BREWSTER
MORRIS GILLISPIE

OREN RIDENOUR
HAROLD CROUSE
FRANKLIN KEMERER

LILLIAN NEIDHARDT
NORMAN REGINALL
ANDREW DOTTS

MABEL RINGENBERG
MARY SHIRLEY
WILMA WHITEHURST

JUNIOR CLASS

LILLIAN HOOK
HELEN WHITMAN

FREDERICK BATTERSHELL
EDNA MCCLELLAN
EVERETT BROWN

DORA ROHRS
WILLIAM RODOCKER
LAVERNE POPER

DOROTHY NEISWENDER
GEORGE HOUK
EVA CLICK

CHARLES HOFF
MARY CARR
RICHARD THORNBURG

MADELYN METZ
RICHARD ROAN
LUCILLE GEE

WANETTA LEE DANIELS
OLLIE MAY WALTER
MARGARET SCOTT





SOPHOMORE CLASS

Row 1—ALLEN BUCK *President*
 LAVERNE OSMUN *Vice-president*
 CARL RHODES *Treasurer*
 FRANCIS OLSON *Secretary*

Row 2

ROBERT BROWN
 LILLIAN KLING
 EILEEN KEMERER
 BLAINE THORNBERG
 PAULINE AMADEN
 ALTA THOMAS

Row 3

CATHERINE HORVATH
 GEORGE HOOK
 MARJORY STUCKMAN
 LAURA R. MAXWELL
 HELEN WEISZ
 ELTON TESTISON

Row 4

MAX WRIGHT
 EDITH KISABETH
 THEODORE NEFF
 MARJORIE WORT
 LEROY MONROE
 NINA McDONALD

Row 5

MARGUERITE AMES
 BASIL PETERS
 EILEEN LANGHAM
 OWEN BEERBOWER
 VERENA EVANS
 FRANK McCAULEY

Row 6

JOHN McCOMAS
 MARTHA MONROE
 LLOYD HITT
 RUTH HOOK
 JAMES WHITEHURST
 MAXINE PRESTON

Row 7

ANNA RICCICA
 RAYMOND REX
 MILDRED ANDERSON
 CURTIS RAY
 LOIS HALL
 CECIL HUMBERGER

CLASS MOTTO

"We build the ladder by which we climb."

CLASS COLORS

Peach and Light Green

CLASS FLOWER

Pink Rose

To make the better best has been the aim of the Sophomore Class as it has made its way through the year.

Although the Sophomores do not excel scholastically, they have furnished several members of the basketball teams and the girls won the class tournament. The track season brought to light additional athletic promise.

The musicals presented this year also revealed the talent found among the Sophomores. Members of the class took leading parts in both programs.

At the class parties held, the class demonstrated its ability to organize and furnish amusement for a splendid representation of the class.

May those pupils who have talent use it to advantage and truly build a ladder by which to climb.



SOPHOMORE CLASS



FRESHMAN CLASS

MARION ALLEN	President
MERRICE HOPPE	Vice-president
KENNETH METZ	Secretary-Treasurer

- Row 1—ROBERT THIEL, MARY HROMISH, KENNETH METZ, MERRICE HOPPE, MARION ALLEN, BLAINE WEBSTER, ADDA STEIRWALT, EDITH MOORE.
- Row 2—BEULAH HINCH, LAVERNE RHORS, WALTER WITTIG, ELEANOR SALAY, C. M. SCOTT, GERTRUDE GREEN, ALTA GRIEST, JANET NELL.
- Row 3—MARY J. HOFF, ELMER MYERS, VIVIAN CROMLEY, WALTER RANDELL, ESTER DEATSMAN, ALLEN POPER, LUCILLE MOORE, GLEN BRUSH.
- Row 4—ARTHUR SMITHERS, DORIS ROBERTSON, DANIES HICOV, JUNE SCOTT, ROBERT RHORS, VALONA AMADEN, LEE FORE, FRED A. ARANTS.
- Row 5—ANNA M. McCUTCHEON, RICHARD WOLFORD, HAZEL HAYER, NORMAN COTTRELL, MADELYN McCLELLAN, RAYMOND PHILO, DORIS SCOTT, CLAREN LAUB.
- Row 6—WALTER BYROADE, ANNA BRIDENBAUGH, RICHARD AMES, LAVERNE WONDERLY, LEE McCARTNEY, EUDORA ZAHN, VIRGINIA OLSON, ROGER BAKER.
- Row 7—HELEN DUFFEY, DARREL CONNOLLEY, MARIAN SMITH, HENRY SCHOFER, BETTY GANGER, LLOYD CRAIG, MARION OTIS, VINCENT EVANS.
- Row 8—LAURA DENEVE, RICHARD HUSTED, MARY ALICE SCHAUPELBERGER, LEONARD WONDERLY, FRED DORSEY, ARLENE HOOK, VIRGIL BRANTLEY, LILLIAN KRONZ.

CLASS MOTTO

To the stars through difficulties.

CLASS FLOWER

Lilly of the Valley

CLASS COLORS

Black and Gold

The Freshman Class has been well represented in high school activities this year. In football one freshman was a regular member of the team and a large number were on the squad.

In basketball the class was again well represented. In addition to those participating in this activity the remaining members contributed a great amount of spirit to the contests.

Most of the Freshmen entered the music activities and a number rose to prominence in that field.

In November the class made its appearance socially with a dinner party which attracted upperclassmen as well as Freshmen.

The presentation of four scenes from "The Merchant of Venice" as part of chapel exercises demonstrated the dramatic ability found in the class.

The class also stood high in scholastic attainment, several of the members' names being regularly found on the honor roll. That this number may increase as new difficulties are surmounted is the aim of the Class of 1935.

FRESHMAN CLASS



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Row 1—Mr. Hart, Miss Craig, Mr. Rodocker.
- Row 2—Lloyd Snyder, Raymond Fulmer, William Roan, Helen Klingley, William Rodocker, Irene Hicov, Walter Amaden, Martha Johnson, Kenneth Onstott, Mana Treaster, Robert Dowell.
- Row 3—Doris Hootman, Harvey Onstott, Annetta Miller, Bert Helsel, Anna Polosek, John Miller, Annabel Rodocker, Marian Cahill, Freda Smith, Raymond Fry, LaVerge Townsend.
- Row 4—Jean Miller, Emilina Recicia, Rex Fry, Josephine Ferris, James Hoppe, Helen Cottrell, Bruce Moore, Alberta Brown, Richard Rhoades, Betty Betts, Vance Wolford.
- Row 5—Betty Preston, Loren Hosack, Violet Murvey, Henry Hauter, Freda Morhart, Francis Kemmerer, Vivian Tustison, Wayne Hinsch, Betty Whitehurst, Allen Hilbert, Maxine Warner.
- Row 6—Carl Cook, Nova Wort, George Daniels, Betty Correll, Lester Warner, Gertrude Cottrell, Amos Zehr, Kenneth Heffelfinger, Juanita Langham, Harold Brown, Kenneth Otis.
- Row 7—Marie Lantz, Max Hitt, Lola Martin, LaVon Townsend, Lena Spires, William Lybarger, Maxine Sholl, Viri Rex, Alice Applegate, Max Miller, Laura Zohman.
- Row 8—Paul Lauk, Leila Moore, Merle Ridenour, Geraldine Stuckman, Derril Killian, Margaret Cole, William Finzer, Juanita Beardsley, Ryff Shirley, Vivian McKinley, Paul Kerr.
- Row 9—Juanita Walker, Opal Fry, Richard Monroe, Marjorie McClellan, Evalyn Kemerer, Fern Hosack, Frank Toth, Doris Cottrell, Andrew Carr, Zelda Arrants, Pansie Hollar.
- Row 10—Kathleen Elder, Frances Durfey, Marie Ridenour, George Wilderson, Evelyn Keener, Evelyn Monroe, Martha Rodocker, Jack Wright, Barbara Brown, Georgiana Rhodes, Millard Cahill.
- Row 11—Rose Horvath, Lawrence Osman, Mildred Rodocker, Thomas Champion, Kathryn Ricicia, Robert McCauley, Harriet Piper, Lester Myers, Betty McDonald, Robert Walter, Iva Mae Dotts.

From the time of entering school, each grade is a step in preparation for the entrance into High School. Members of the Eighth Grade have now completed this last step and will be the incoming members of H. H. S. in 1933.

The Junior High, under the able instruction of Mr. Rodocker, Mr. Hart and Miss Craig, have done splendid work and will make a welcome addition to our High School.

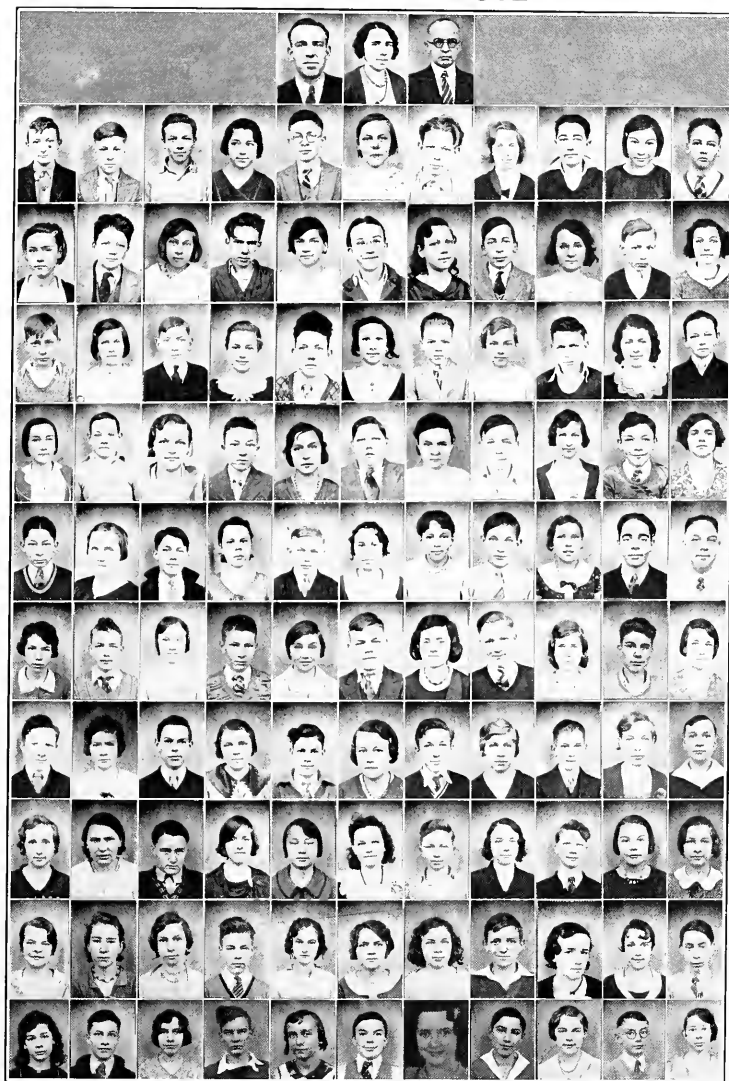
The Seventh and Eighth grades each have Athletic Clubs for the purpose of promoting good sportsmanship and liking for good, clean sports. Basketball is the chief sport. They have played games with Spencerville, Sherwood, Newville, Bryan and Mark Center, having won three games and lost four.

Both the Seventh and Eighth grades joined the Red Cross this year and gave baskets at Christmas time.

The play, "Polished Pebbles," was an accomplished success. The acting and costuming were exceptional. Junior High is to be commended for such fine work.

The Seniors, when leaving High School, can feel sure that they are entrusting to faithful and eager hands the task of carrying on the Spirit of Old Hicksville High.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL







Activities



HIXONIAN STAFF

At first it seemed that "old man depression" had made it impossible for a Hixonian to be published. But the class determined to "carry on" according to the precedent established in previous years. Everyone zealously began to make money and the outlook became much brighter.

The staff was not chosen until late in the year, but one and all worked untiringly, and helped to make the annual a success.

The staff is as follows:

Dorothy Sinn	Editor-in-Chief
Roberta Neff	Assistant Editor
Paul Schofer	Business Manager
Raymond Lilly	Assistant Business Manager
Adah Horn, Dorothea Ganger, Marcella Durfey	Literary Editors
Paul Carr, Herbert Ringerberg	Athletic Editors
Richard Laub	Circulation Manager
Mary Helena Jordan, Phyllis Elder	Society Editors
Lois McDonald, Elvin Thiel, Marcelline Koch, Doris Metz.....	Snapshot Photographs
Vada Ridenour, Arline Killian, Madonna Kenner, Evelyn Kisabeth, and Robert Nelson	Special Writings
Mr. Armstrong and Miss Johns.....	Faculty Advisors



SPOONDRIFT STAFF

The Spoon Drift, the monthly High School Paper, was published by the Junior Class, as has been the custom since 1919, when it was founded by Miss Stella Lilly.

It has been under the supervision of Mr. Patterson for the last five years.

The staff is as follows:

Hazel Dorsey	Editor-in-Chief
Eva Click, Robert Weaner	Associate Editors
Virginia Cromley	Literary Editor
Lucille Gee	Assistant Literary Editor
Mary Shirley	Society Editor
Gladys Brewster	Assistant Society Editor
Mary Carr	Joke Editor
Walter Belknap	Assistant Joke Editor
Alta Laub	Junior High Editor
Margaret Scott	Assistant Junior High Editor
George Houk	Athletic Editor
Richard Thornburg	Assistant Athletic Editor
Olliemay Walter	Exchange Editor
Lillian Neidhardt	Assistant Exchange Editor
Margaret McCauley	Alumni
Dorothy Neiswender	Assistant Alumni Editor
Norman Reganall	Business Manager
Oren Ridenour	Assistant Business Manager
George Rohrs	Circulation Manager
Franklin Kemmerer	Assistant Circulation Manager
Mr. George Patterson	Faculty Advisor

The wishes are for the next centennial year the existence of this paper.



GLEE CLUBS

Due to the large election for music this year the Glee Clubs were divided into three groups. One of these groups was the Girls Glee Club, which consists of those who had some knowledge of music. Judging from the sounds which came from Room One, they seemed to have accomplished a great deal this year. The girl soloists for both the Roof Garden Revue and Spring Concert were taken from this organization. The public after hearing them sing at meetings of the Parent-Teacher Association and Spring Concert realize how much they have accomplished in music.

Among the boys in the high school twenty were found who had some training in music. An audience has a real desire to hear a group of boys or men sing. This group satisfied this desire on many occasions. During the year they furnished music for the annual Roof Garden Revue, Spring Concert, as well as many other occasions.

The Glee Club was faithful in practice and made marked progress. They feel proud of the spirit manifested, the co-operative spirit and their contribution toward making the year a success.

Both boys and girls joined to make the happy group of eighty which gathered every Tuesday, rain or shine, to fill the air with melodious notes.

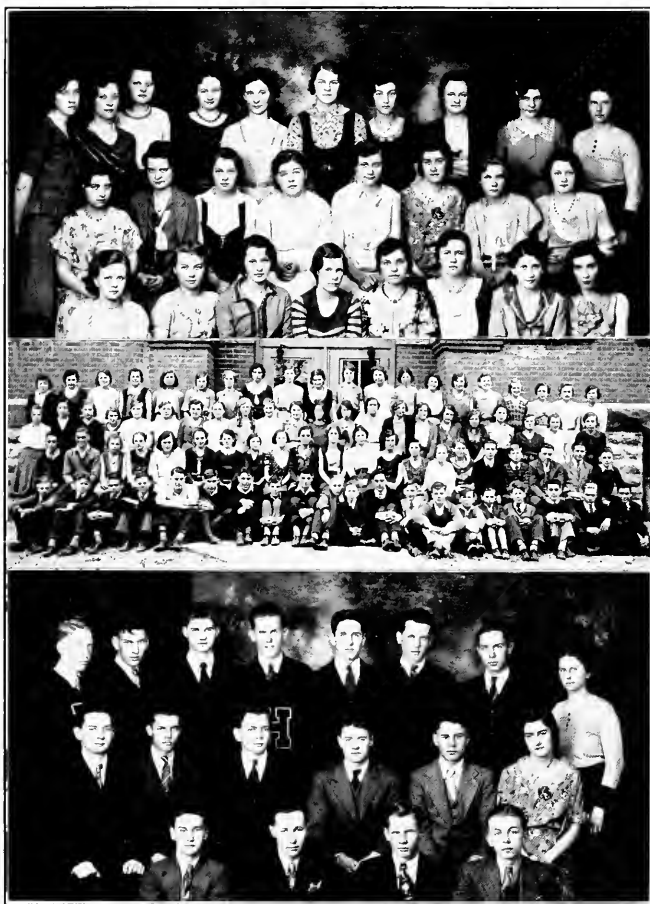
Each one put forth a great effort to accomplish the tasks placed before them.

The Chorus took part in two plays, "The Roof Garden Revue" and "The Spring Concert."

Under the direction of Mrs. Keller, the chorus made splendid progress and enjoyed the thrill of success.



GLEE CLUBS





“THE ROOF GARDEN REVUE”

The second annual Roof Garden Revue, under the direction of Mrs. Keller, surely deserves much credit as the outstanding musical event of the year. The entire show was composed of solos of popular twentieth century songs, with flashy and smartly dressed choruses. With Joe, Paul, Bob, Charlie, and Bill under the burnt cork furnishing the fun, we might say that the show was a first class one.

First Row—Mildred Nell, Adah Horn, Verina Evans, Esther Deatsman, Mildred Haver, Lillian Krontz, Beulah Hinsch, Betty Ganger.

Second Row—Vada Ridenour, Dorothea Sinn, Gladys Brewster, Marian Allen, Vivian Cromley, Mary Jane Hoff, Lucille Gee.

Third Row—Helen Durfey, Catherine Horvath, Hazel Dorsey, Edith Moore, Lucille Moore, Margaret Scott.

First Row—Elmer Myers, Leonard Wonderly, Raymond Rex, Paul Carr, Robert Longworth, Joe Carr, Charles Hoff, Paul Schofer.

Second Row—Marjory Stuckman, John McComas, Richard Laub, William Rodocker, Norman Reginall, Raymond Lilly, Olliema Walter, Virginia Cromley.

Third Row—Dorothea Ganger, Dorothy Neiswender, Leone Cleland, Wanetta Lee Daniels, LaVerne Osmun, Vada Ridenour, Gladys Brewster.



"THE ROOF GARDEN REVUE"





COMMERCIAL CONTEST

The annual Commercial Contest was held this year at Defiance, Ohio, on the twenty-third of April.

The students entered were as follows:

Novice Typing	Lillian Neidhardt Alta Laub Lillian Hook Wilma Whitehurst
Amateur Typing	Marcella Durfey Evelyn Kisabeth Lois McDonald Marcelene Koch
Novice Shorthand	Eva Click Lillian Hook LaVerne Poper
Amateur Shorthand	Marcella Durfey Lenore Robertson
Novice Bookkeeping	Eva Click Lillian Hook LaVerne Poper Richard Roan

Although the contestants in the Commercial Contest failed to place, the type of work displayed by the entrants was of splendid character. With this year's material as a firm basis, and promising prospects coming on, next year undoubtedly will be more successful.



ORCHESTRA

The High School Orchestra this year has been successful in fulfilling the expectations of the public and the director, Mrs. Keller. They deserve a good deal of credit for their untiring work for Mrs. Keller and also in their faithfulness to attend practice. On Tuesday evenings in the school building from 7:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. could be heard the uproar of the mighty trumpets in their contest, to see who had the strongest will power, the squeak of the violins as they ardently practiced their runs, the blasting of the trombones as they attempted to slide up the scale, the rattle of the drums as though the British were coming, the snore of the saxophones as they played the soothing strains of the "Minuet" from Tanhauser, and above all the din, the squeak of the clarinets as they played "How Dry I Am."

Director—Mrs. Keller

Accompanists—Olliema Walter, Mary Carr.

FIRST VIOLINS:

Normal Regenall
William Rodocker
George Rhors
Elmer Brantley

SECOND VIOLINS:

Doris Cottrell
Leroy Monroe

CLARINETS:

Alta Laub
Joseph Carr

SECOND CLARINETS:

Paul Kerr
Allen Hilbert

SAXOPHONES:

Richard Laub
George Wilderson
William Finzer

FIRST TRUMPETS:

Paul Carr
Raymond Lilly
Wanetta Lee Daniels
Mary Shirley

TROMBONES:

Dorothy Neiswander
Lee McCartney

DRUMS:

Allen Buck

Their first public appearance was at the Junior High Operetta, in which they were highly successful. The second appearance was at the Glee Club Concert on April 7, and their last appearance was at the Senior Class play.



FIFTY YEARS AGO

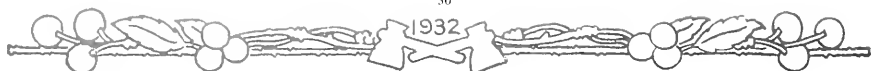
The class of 1882 attended school in a square frame school-house on the same location as the present building. The high school was taught by one teacher, the superintendent, Mr. Reese Millison, who had charge of all classes. The studies were English, History, Geometry, Algebra, and Latin. There were few if any school activities.

There were four in the graduating class of 1882, Viola Smith (deceased), Lillie Gorgas-Pettit, Hicksville, Ohio; Almada Platter-Bilderback (deceased), and Edwin L. Clay, Perrysburg, Ohio. Each member of the class wrote an essay, which was delivered on the night of graduation.

The complete list of the Alumni, which now numbers eight hundred seventy-five, has been omitted this year as a matter of economy. Probably the future policy of the publishers of the Hixonian will be to publish this list on alternate years, and in other years place in the annual the picture of some early class if a likeness can be obtained.



Athletics





ATHLETICS

Leighton Conkey, better known as "Conkey," whose fame as a football coach at old H. H. S. is becoming greater every year, as is shown by this year's team. His ability is shown by the producing of successful teams out of raw material, and this was the circumstances of the 1931 football team. For the past seven years he has been coach of all athletics and in school, everybody knows "Conkey."

Coach Welty also had a great deal of influence on the team this year. His ability as a coach of the line is of the best because of his long experience in the line himself. Basketball was also directed by him and the team had a very successful season.

As for a manager, "Bucky" or "Al" was always on the spot at the right time. He also participated in athletics. He has yet two more years of experience to be added to his knowledge.

"The only way in which one human being can properly attempt to influence another is the encouraging him to think for himself, instead of endeavoring to instill ready-made opinions into his head."—*Stephen.*

Such is the task of Coach Leighton Conkey, for seven years athletic mentor of the Hicksville High School. Mr. Conkey came to Hicksville with an enviable high school and college athletic record. He was graduated from Farmer High School in 1921, and Defiance College in 1925, being a three letter man in both schools. As a just reward, his efforts in the coaching field have netted him five track championships, one undefeated football team, and three baseball trophies.

Coach Conkey's success can but inadequately be measured, however, by mentioning the victories of his proteges. Better to discount them as null, and express, all too insufficient though it may be, an appreciation for the high athletic ideal imparted to the school through his efforts.

Prospects for Hicksville High School athletic teams are promising far beyond any previously held.—*Mr. Welty.*

Having made an enviable reputation as a Hicksville High School Athlete, Mr. Welty has returned to inculcate into the present athletes the high standards of sportsmanship, courage, skill and school spirit which marked him as outstanding. He has introduced new ideas, given unselfishly of his time and energy, and in every way enhanced the chances for even greater success in the future.—*Mr. Conkey.*



FOOTBALL

Paul Schofer—As a quarterback, none was better. Always in good humor and thinking of some tricky play.

"Bill" Rex—A scrappier halfback than some of the worst. He is a Sophomore this year. What will he be like next?

When it came to running "Charlie" Hoff was not so slow and if given a little interference he went through.

John McComas started the year right by being in a fullback position and took plenty of hard knocks bringing the ball up.

"Bob" Longworth was the team's pass snagger. He got them if anywhere near him.

Darrel Connolley—End player who showed his ability as a Freshman. Nobody could get around his end without much trouble.

Elvin Thiel was worth having on the team. His size proved valuable and he used it to good advantage.

"Joe" Carr—His delight was to push the opposite opponent's face in the mud if not too large.

"Herb" Ringenberg did not say very much but conserved his energy and used it by fighting all the time.

Elton Tustison was the team's athlete. There was nothing that he could not do. He always put the pill on the spot.

Everett Brown, a lanky guard, never allowed anybody through, over, or under him.

George Houk—He had the grit and this was shown by the look on his face. He was of the best.

Paul Carr—Just another player. He always took a lot of punishment and always gave back a surplus.

Walter Deatsman—His stride and running ability were shown in the Farmer game. Ask anybody.

Harold Camp—When he was loose, the ball carrier would want to be on the lookout.

FOOTBALL

EDON vs. HICKSVILLE

The northern neighbors, Edon, came to visit H. H. S. on the gridiron, Friday the 13th, with the hope of attaining a victory, but the old myth of Friday the 13th seemed to be in Hicksville's favor. Although the Edon huskies outweighed the Hicksville team, the H. H. S. eleven added another victory to its laurels. The final score was 14 to 0.

FARMER vs. HICKSVILLE

The game to which the team looked forward to ended in a complete victory. Although Farmer scored the first touchdown the first quarter, Hicksville came back with a smashing attack and scored in the second quarter, placing old Hicksville in the lead one point. Both teams battled very hard for the remainder of the game until the last period when Hicksville nearly scored before the gun cracked. The team was lead by its very able captain, Paul Schofer. The game ended 7 to 6 in favor of Hicksville.

ANTWERP vs. HICKSVILLE

The Antwerp team came to the local field determined to win over their neighboring opponents but they lacked the ability that would have made their determination dangerous, and Hicksville High carried the day with a score of 19 to 7.

CONVOY vs. HICKSVILLE

Convoy came to Hicksville with the expectation of a victory, which was shown in the beginning by their making the first touchdown. This aroused the fighting spirit of the team and the final score of the game was 57 to 6 in Hicksville's favor.

BRYAN vs. HICKSVILLE

Bryan came to the local gridiron in a winning spirit and went back with the same spirit. Hicksville was handicapped to a great extent by weight. Some said the lemons were too sour or else they used the wrong kind of gum. What do you think?

DEFIANCE vs. HICKSVILLE

The 1931 football team opened the season on September 24 by playing our ancient rivals at Defiance, Ohio. The Hicksville High School eleven was outweighed and also over half the team were having their first taste of battle. In the end they came home with the small end of the score, 25-0, but in every other way victorious.

PAYNE vs. HICKSVILLE

For the sixth game of the season Hicksville gridders traveled to Payne on October 29. In spite of a cold day and a stiff wind, bothering kicking and passing, Hicksville succeeded in crossing the goal line once in the first half.

After the half, better team-work was acquired and the game resulted 20-0 in favor of Hicksville.



BASKETBALL

The 1932 season of basketball was very successful. Under the supervision of Coach Welty the team became runners-up in the county championship tournament. Paul Schofer and Elvin Thiel had the distinction of being placed on the all star county tournament team and were each given a medal.

For the first time since the Defiance County Basketball Tournament originated, the girls' teams of the county did not compete. This movement was a surprise to most of the teams although it was expected to have come shortly.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

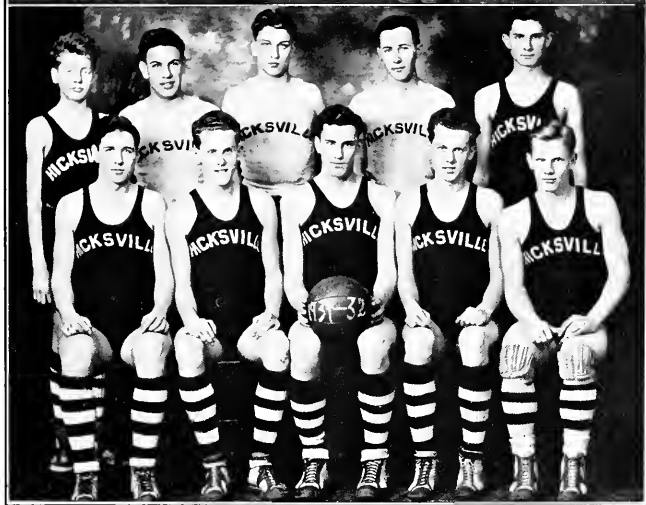
Standing: Maxwell, Wort, Amaden, Neff, V. Amaden, Osmun, Hinsch.
Seated: Hoff, Preston, Elder.

No long list of teams overcome and games won can be set down here on record. To know the fortitude and value of this team, one must have witnessed the practices as well as the games. A certain quality in the players, sometimes called "stick-to-itiveness," would have been noticed. The girls' team did very well considering that they were greatly handicapped by their lack of experience as compared with their opponents, and by the fact that this was their first season's work. The girls are off to a good start next year, when they will not be handicapped by inexperience. Their strong point is to take a "licking" and grin and bear it.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Standing: Buck, McComas, Rex, Lamb, Connolley.
Seated: Longworth, P. Carr, Thiel, J. Carr, Schofer.





BASEBALL

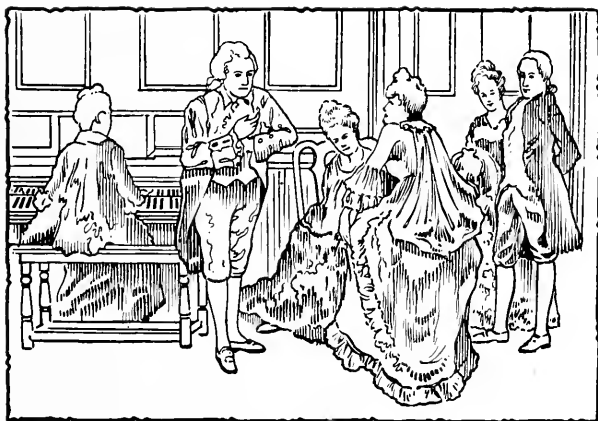


The early 1932 season for baseball was very poor. The day on which Hicksville played Farmer at Defiance was the only ideal day for the game. Of course this cold weather affected all teams alike but more so Hicksville because it kept the team from hard practicing, which was needed to make a good fielding and a hard hitting team even if it was an experienced squad as was the material the past year.

Practice was called immediately after school. First the boys warmed up; next, a larger part of the practice time was spent in batting; then came the infield and outfield drill; sometimes a practice game; and last, the ever-required half mile jaunt around the track.

A league tournament was organized and the drawings were as follows: Hicksville-Delaware, Farmer-Ney, Sherwood-Markcenter, Jewell-Tiffin.

The ability of Schofer as the lead-off man to get on base was nearly always turned into a score by the consistent batting of the four men who followed, namely, J. Carr, Deatsman, P. Carr and Longsworth. The present year will mark the loss of some of the best baseball players the school has ever had. Hoff will have a different task to fill the position of the cool and able Deatsman, but Rex, Buck and Tustison will form the nucleus for a much depleted infield and the outfield will remain a puzzle until the spring of '33 develops its new material.



Society



ALUMNI BANQUET

On the evening of May 22, 1931, more than 250 old grads "came home" and assembled in the Christian Church to discuss old times and exchange reminiscences of bygone schooldays. The fact that this was the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of the first class and that the only living member of this class, Ella Everett-Faber, was present, lent added interest to the affair. The class of 1903 held a reunion of its own at a special table, with every member present. Decorations were beautifully carried out in gold in keeping with the fiftieth anniversary.

After a delicious dinner, the following program was rendered:

Invocation	Della Maxwell Hilbert, '88
Song Fest	George Patterson, '14
Presentation of Ella Everett-Faber, '81	
Alumni Welcome	Lillie Gorgas Pettit, '82
Response	Lyman Dorsey, '31
Vocal Duet	Daisy Hill-Tuttle, '99, and Jett Griffin-Hoff, '03
	Edith Rank, '03, Pianist
Junior Surprise	Vada Ridenour, Bob Longsworth
A. B. C. Quartet	
	Dwight Burlingame, '23, Paul Carr, Joseph Carr, Mervin Applegate, '25
Reminiscences	
Lest We Forget—	
	Nina Phillips-Schaufelberger, '08
	Genevieve McCormick-Mastin, '21
	Kathryn Conrad, '20
Alumni Song	
	Toastmaster, George Lilly, '92

FOOTBALL BANQUET

The annual Football banquet was held December 14 at the school building. Miss Schofer was toastmistress for the evening. The following interesting program was carried out:

"For We're All Jolly Good Fellows"	
"Onward To the Goal"	Elvin Thiel, Raymond Lilly
Offsides	William Laub, Harold Kemp
Team Work	Walter Deatsman, Herbert Ringenberg
Being on the Team Means	Paul Schofer, Richard Laub
A Quartette All Our Own	Carr Twins, Longsworth, Hoff
Look at the Line-up for Next Year	John McComas, Allen Buck
Let Us Look at the Reward	Mr. Conkey





JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Juniors entertained the Seniors and Faculty at a banquet in the Eastern Star Hall, April 29, 1931. The banquet hall represented the hall of a medieval castle adorned with shields and trophies of war. The color scheme of pastel shades was carried out by spring flowers, blossoms, and pink roses. The girls' favors were corsages and the boys' favors were boutonnieres. The whole was lighted by silver stars in a blue sky and a moon hanging over the turreted castle. The following program was presented by Toastmaster Paul Schofer:

Greetings, My Lords and Ladies	Dorotha Simm
A Word from the Royal Senior Throne.....	His Majesty Lyman Dorsey
A Diversion—The Three Musketeers:	
The Seniors Come	Chevalier Winton Pilling
The Seniors Go	Sir Raymond Lilly
But the Juniors Linger On	Bryce Nichols
The Finders of the Lost Chord: Two Jolly Crusaders.....	Jester P. C., Jester J. C.
Fair Words from a Senior Damsel	Mary Ferris
Let's Sing—Everyone	
Lady Ridenour Has Something to Say	
Toasts	Head Knight Lutterbein
Epics of the Morgue	
The Class of '31 on Promenade	
The Grab Bag	





CLASS PARTIES

SENIOR PARTY

Anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus, the Seniors rallied heroically to the call to arms this December seventeenth; even the ladies were in attendance.

The entertainment furnished by the most kind sponsors was both novel and unexpected. The dignified Seniors refrained from "Old Maid," but the game became very popular with the "deer teechurs" (except one, who didn't have a heart—a physics test was in the making). However, the erudite Seniors used their brilliant minds in playing anagrams and cooties. Unofficially Dick Laub was rewarded for having the most cooties.

Mr. Armstrong received some pointers on early American history through Episodes furnished by the entire class. In the soft light of Mrs. Kerr's Christmas tree, perhaps even Mr. Welty forgot basketball for a time.

The climax of the evening came, of course, at the banquet table when several fine speeches were delivered by our most promising orators. From the appearance of the festive board, we have rounded the proverbial corner where Prosperity lurks. Everyone partook abundantly with the exception of Joe Carr, who was on a diet and dared not eat more than four platefuls.

A hunger march was conducted to the very doors by a mob of half-starved under-class presidents and their cohorts who threatened violence but were dispersed by a valiant faculty member. After a speech by Prof. Dick Laub, Ph.D., L.L.D., A., A.B., everyone felt like going home and did—eventually. Some very fine dishwashing was done by "our teechurs." Mr. Welty acted as foreman. Orders from headquarters were disobeyed and the party did not end at 9:45. This was truly a party of the Seniors, by the Seniors, and for the Seniors.

FRESHMAN PARTY

There was much excitement among the "wee ones." "A party," someone cried! This stirring event occurred at seven o'clock on November nineteenth, 1932, at the school building.

Dinner was served at seven-thirty. It was noticed that the Freshmen did full justice to a sumptuous banquet, then spent the remainder of the evening in playing games. Mr. Welty started "Farmer in the Delf" and later took part with Mrs. Kerr as captain of cross questions and silly answers. Mr. Patterson played a more dignified role by leading the Virginia Reel. The party was well attended, but ended rather early as the infants needed their sleep.





JUNIOR CLASS PARTY

On the last Wednesday of November, members of the Junior Class could be seen in their Sunday best, making their way in the direction of a certain large brick building situated on the corner of Smith and Main streets. Inside the lighted building there was much merriment. Games were played until ten o'clock when a delicious meal was served. The party was dismissed about ten-thirty, as the teachers insisted on retiring early!

FAREWELL PARTY

On January twenty-third, the Junior Class gave a farewell party in the home economics room in honor of Margaret McCauley. She left soon after for Illinois, to spend the remainder of her school days.

SOPHOMORE CLASS PARTY

Those "small but honorable" specimens of humanity—the members of the Sophomore Class—asssembled in a body in the little red schoolhouse a few days before Thanksgiving for the particular purpose of having a class party. They were nearly all present, each arrayed in his best "bib and tucker." There was plenty of action (just ask Miss Schofer), and plenty of food. However, owing to a very great disaster—those last minute orders from home—the party was declared officially ended at ten o'clock.

FAREWELL TO BRYCE NICHOLS

The entire Senior Class of '32 was distressfully abandoned on the isle of sorrow early last fall when they learned of a great loss—Bryce Nichols was leaving town. But to their rescue came Buicks, Chevies, Graham Paiges, and last but not least, Mr. Conkey in his Ford. Sorrow was forgotten for the evening and the "hilarious mob" journeyed to "ye olde Laube estate" on the Newville road, well laden with watermelons and empty stomachs. After a strenuous hour of talking and chasing sheep, watermelon was served a la mode (on the Rhine). Many faculty members were present, adding much to the fun of the evening.





EVENTS OF THE YEAR

When in the course of human events it became necessary to yell to win a battle, the battle to be the football game with Farmer, a pep meeting was held at the schoolhouse. A fire was built and the cheer leaders took charge. With a few words from our illustrious coaches, Mr. Welty and Mr. Conkey, the cheering began. As a hundred or so students ran around the fire it resembled an Indian war dance. Some thought it to be an initiating party of the Freshmen for some of them had to walk home (a fact hitherto unknown to them). But with the help of our gallant faculty they didn't have to walk so far. When the time arrived that all good children should be in bed, they all departed for their respective homes.

The following day at 5:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, by courtesy of Mr. Armstrong, "Three cheers" for our High School. The boys played their best game of the year. Why? Results of the Pep Meeting of course.

The School observed Armistice Day at the Huber Theatre at 1:30 P. M. The American Legion band added to the spirit by playing one selection before entering the building. Glen Huber, the commander of the Legion, was in charge. The H. H. S. quartet sang a selection and Lloyd Hartzler of Fort Wayne was the speaker. The roll call followed by taps dismissed the meeting.

The Juniors celebrated Leap Night with frolic. The public was invited (providing 10 cents was available). Three big boxing matches started the evening of fun. There followed an interpretation of an old fashioned school. Songs and witty sayings spiced the program.

The classes had a lively ticket selling contest for the Bryan football game. The Seniors won after a hard struggle. The prize, five dollars in pennies, was presented in Chapel to the class by the football manager.

Donald O'Niel, a former graduate of Hicksville High School, now a sergeant in the U. S. Marines, appeared in uniform and gave a very interesting talk on the various parts of his uniform and their meaning. He has served for six years in the Marines and has enlisted for four more.

Mr. John Brown, the former Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, gave a very instructive talk at the same chapel.





The special chapel to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday was begun by singing "America." George Koch read the Gettysburg Address, which was followed by another song. A series of interesting talks was given by Catherine Horvath, Elmer Brantley, Lillian Hook, Franklin Kemmerer and Lucille Gee. The mixed quartet presented a selection. A short picture talk by Wilman Whitehurst concluded the program.

Dr. Prokhanoff, who is President of the All Russian Christian Evangelical Union, visited chapel on October seventh and gave a very interesting discussion concerning Russia of today. Dr. Prokhanoff has been imprisoned twice for his faith and persecuted many times but he is still carrying on the work in behalf of the Christians of Russia. He has written many books, is author of more than four thousand hymns and has organized Christian work for the banished people in all parts of Russia.

Behold a surprise! One bright morning the pupils of the Hicksville High School came to school with the thoughts of the same old "hum drum." They found some very alluring and strange objects in the hall. By alluring we mean that it doesn't need much inducement to get some so-called Romeo to meet his Juliet there. Sometimes they are even used as postoffices (sort of running down Uncle Sam's business), and even beauty parlors are established in that region. There are about one hundred and four of these alluring demons, enough for everyone. In spite of all their faults they have some very good points and help the appearance of the building a lot, these new lockers of ours.

Christmas is always a joyous time of the year for everyone. It was made even more joyous for the students of the High School this year from the fact that so many graduates came home for the holidays. On Wednesday morning, December 23, a great number of the graduates came to visit their old Alma Mater again. An impromptu program was given by the members of the High School. This could be done because of the talent to be found in the High School. A few spirited songs were sung, led by Mrs. Keller. Everyone present enjoyed a song given by the seniors of last year. Joe and Margaret led a few rousing yells and the Juniors distributed Spoodrifts to all present.

When the students came back to the old building on the first day of school, they were surprised to find many new improvements had been made. Among these were the newly decorated ceilings, which took the place of the cracked plaster ceiling where now and then a lath could be seen, four lights were hung in each class room and twelve in the assembly, each being covered with a white glass globe; new floors were put on



the main floor of the building and also wherever needed on the upper floor; new colored rough finished plaster walls were added—all of which added to the brightening of the rooms. Last but not least were the Roman columns which were put in to support the upper floor. All these improvements helped the students to enjoy and appreciate more fully the school year.

Monday evening, October 5, the students of the high school and grades spent an hour at the school building. The schedule followed the usual routine of classes, but with shorter periods. Many parents and visitors were present and all were interested in the work of the students and their studies. The object of the evening was to make possible for the parents to visit the school and see for themselves what was being done. Some of the new improvements which caught the eye of many visitors were the re-decorated rooms, new floors, window shades and a modern system of lights.

A Thanksgiving program, November 25, was enjoyed by the student body. There were readings which consisted of President Hoover's Proclamation, by Herbert Ringenberg; Psalm 147, Raymond Lily; Thanksgiving, When It Comes, Danies Hicov; Thanksgiving Thoughts, Helen Weisz; History of Thanksgiving, Evelyn Kisabeth; The Turkey, George Koch; Animals That Came Over in the Mayflower, Allen Poper; and Roman Thanksgiving, Richard Laub. Also there were songs by the entire school and poems read by LaVera Wonderly and Olliemay Walter, Merrice Hope and Mary Alice Schaufelberger rendered piano solos. An original story, "A Thanksgiving Mistake," was presented by Theodore Neff. Harold Camp gave a brief talk on "I See by the Papers," and last but not least, Allen Buck presented "That Five Dollars" to the Senior Class for their diligent work in the ticket selling contest. It was an appropriate Thanksgiving program.

The first semester examinations this year were January 13-14-15. Some students say they were hard and some easy, some faces showed signs of regret and some relief. A kind word or deed to an unfortunate student sometimes does a world of good. Students aren't the only ones who burn the midnight oil. We are always wondering why teachers are so cross sometimes, especially near examinations, but we would be too, if we had to go through books looking for questions suitable for the brains of different pupils and making out long lists. Work is good for all, no matter whether it turns out for better or for worse; it does no harm.

On Monday evening, December 6, 1931, the mothers set forth a bounteous feast before the eyes of a ravenous football squad. The banquet was held in the dining parlors (Home Economics Room) of the school building. Miss Schofer as toastmistress took charge of the program. Short talks were given by members of the squad.



Mr. Allen Buck, the manager, brought forward an unusual report on the finances of the athletic department. At the close of the program Mr. Conkey spoke at length and in detail of the merits of high school athletics.

Many fans followed the Hicksville basketball team to the county basketball tournament at Defiance February 26-27. Hicksville defeated Ney in an easy manner Friday night. In the semi-finals the Hicksville quintet barely outscored a scrappy Sherwood team. The score of this game was 19-16. This "win" gave them the honor of meeting Mark Center in the finals. Something was lacking as Mark handed the Hicksville team a 38-10 drubbing.

Mr. Williams gave a very detailed description of the photo-electric cell which plays a vital part in the modern system of television and also the modern talkies. He illustrated the use of the gyroscope as applied on the ocean and the railroad using only one rail. There were many other experiments dealing with the application of electricity. The occasion was enjoyed by the school throughout the entire demonstration.



WASHINGTON, JUST A MAN

Oil paintings and word-portraits most often painted of our first president show him to be somewhat austere, a silent and stern being, set apart in a sphere of his own: consecrated from the day of his birth to the great task of his future: destined by the gods to the performance of great deeds and to be deified by all his people in reward. He is the American Aeneas.

Admit this portrait to be a true one: for to paint out any of the dignity of that noble face would be sacrilege.

But are there ~~not~~ other pictures, which, though they do not appear on the pages of history, nevertheless were painted in glowing words by those who knew and loved him best? They have introduced brighter colors and outlined another Washington—acquainting us with one whom we may love as well, and one whom we may more nearly understand than the warrior or the statesman.

Let us examine that picture which has become so familiar to us through our histories and the old McGuffey's readers. Were those steadfast eyes never lighted by any fires save those of patriotism? Did those grave lips never part in jolly badinage or merriment over the antics of a friend? Did his heart never beat more rapidly at a roguish glance from the bright eyes of some fair maid? Or beat in sympathy with his fellow-men in distress? A glance to these brighter-hued pictures reveals the answer to all these questions.

Washington always appreciated a practical joke at the expense of a friend. The depth of his enjoyment could be gaged by whether or not he rolled on the ground in a helpless fit of laughter. Doubtless one reason for his habitual soberness in later life was the faulty dentistry of the day. Had he then indulged in one of those violent paroxysms of mirth he would have been mortified and embarrassed, and his dignity as president would have been seriously impaired; his false teeth, over which he had difficulty in closing his mouth, and which were fearfully and wonderfully made, would have escaped from his control.

At parties he was anything but a killjoy. He was known at times to dance every set and only ceased this on learning that his presence ~~awed~~ the younger guests. Even then he departed only as far as the next room, where he watched through the crack in the door.

At a ball during the Revolution he noticed that the hearts of all the men present were aflutter over a certain charming belle. He calmly, because of his high rank, claimed the first dance and monopolized the lady's attention for the remainder of the evening.

He was always aware of the admiration of the gentler-sex. From extreme youth he was susceptible to the flutter of white hands and the soft rustle of dainty silks. He had ever in his mind to be on the watch for a mistress for Mount Vernon. History records that the redoubtable warrior offered many an enchantress this position and was refused as many times. One Mary Philipse turned him away on the grounds that "his

nose was impossible." Washington's views on the subject were that he "did not wait until ye Ladye was in ye proper mood."

At a tender age he was the writer of amorous letters and reams of poetry of debatable literary value. A pretty face, whether or not accompanied by an encouraging glance, was enough to completely sweep him off his feet. Was it Fate that made the first fair one to accept, one who would justify and do honor to her position? Fate that made the affair with Martha the first one to be not entirely one-sided?

It was not only his lighter emotions that were easily stirred. All his life he needs must guard his temper, and when it escaped his mastery, no man dared approach him until the storm had subsided. He grieved deeply over the punishing of any of his soldiers. He could not witness a battle with dry eyes.

Everyone is so well acquainted with the pathetic story of his prayers at Valley Forge that it need not be repeated.

He was helpless in the hands of scheming relatives who were determined to profit by his generosity. But Washington was ready to overlook their petty weaknesses though he was not deceived as to their intentions. He paid off the debts of his brother Samuel repeatedly. They must have been enormous for Samuel had been married no less than five times.

Nelly Custis took the place which no daughter of his own was ever to fill. He did not hesitate to educate and clothe her expensively, and to gratify her least whim if it lay within his power.

Although he had no especial love for his niece Harriot, she could easily persuade him to buy her anything she choose, even unto a trousseau.

Even in his own day, a great many people did not know his true personality. A little boy once pushed his way through a large crowd to where Washington stood. At sight of him the child cried, "Why he's only a man!" "Yes, my boy," replied the President, "I am only a man after all!"

By all means let us keep our portrait of Washington the great general, the statesman, the Father of His Country, but hang beside it this other picture of a lovable, fun-loving man, who could laugh when it was time to laugh, and dance when it was time to dance, who was not too big to enjoy the simple things of life; who was "after all, just a man!"

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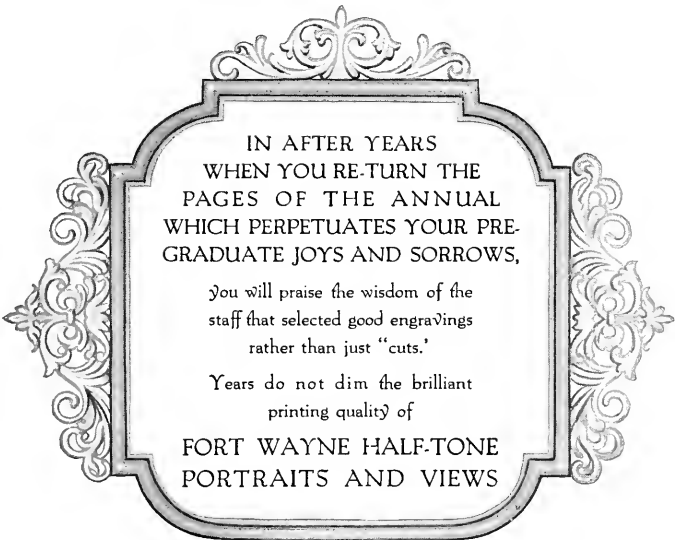
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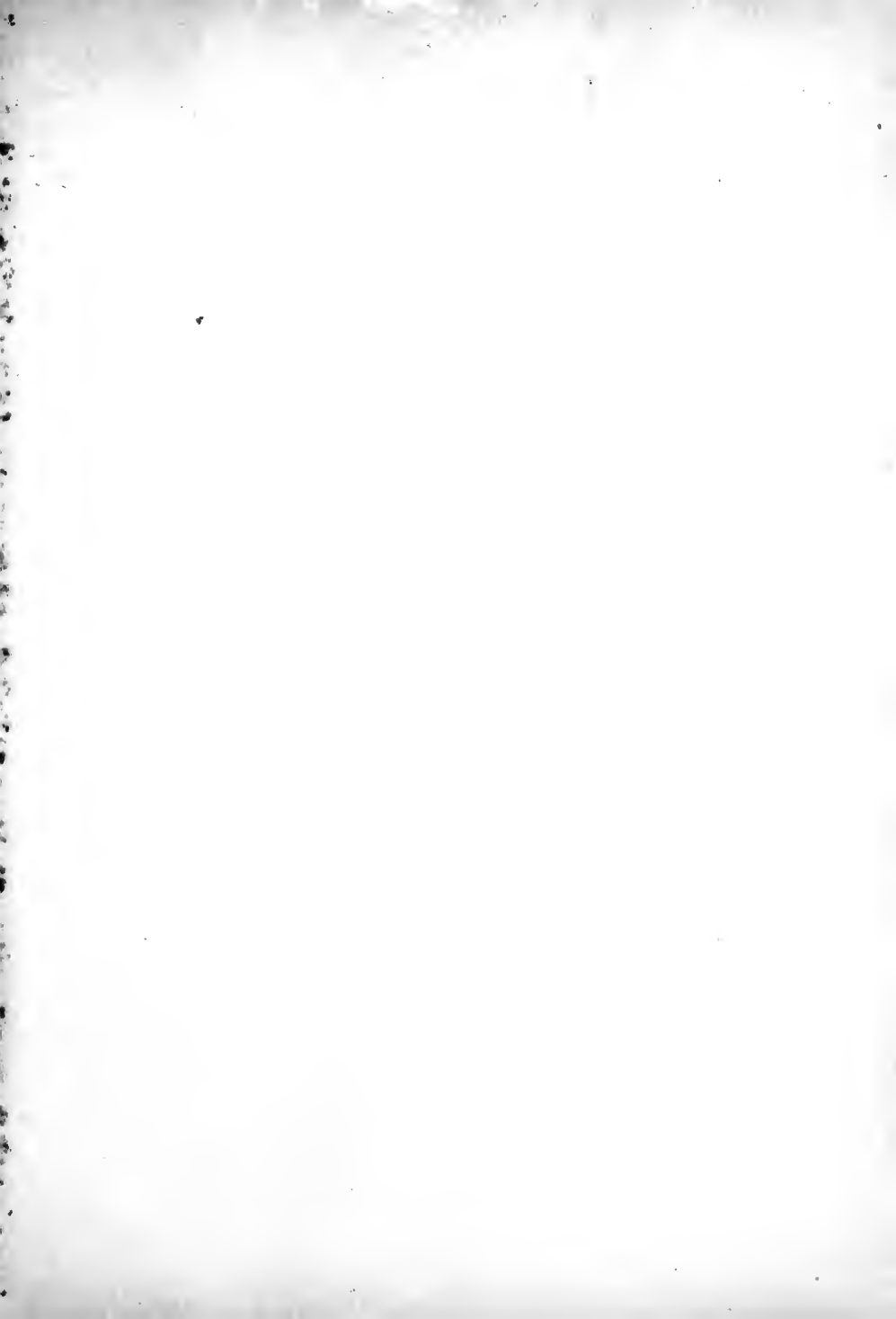
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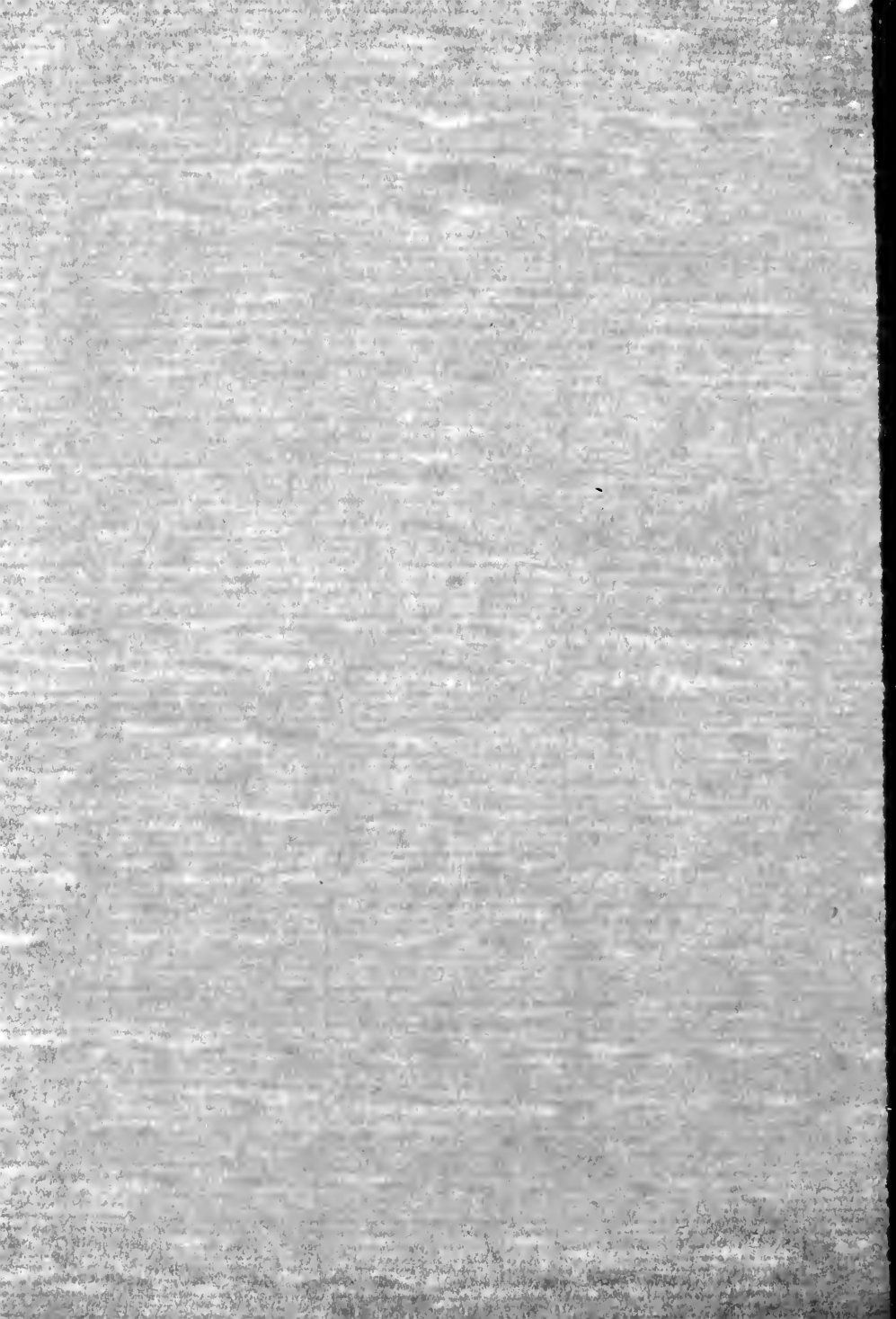
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